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In re Application of :  
Lashley :  
Serial No.: 09/678,537 : Group Art Unit: 3728  
Filed: October 3, 2000 : Examiner: Gehman, B  
  
Title: Container Apparatus and :  
Method :

NOTICE OF APPEAL  
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TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Appeals from the decisions dated June 21, 2001 of the Examiner finally rejecting claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112 and finally rejecting claims 1-11

and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) under various combinations of patents. Also enclosed is a brief on appeal, the final form of the claims in this matter, and an amendment after final office action. Three copies and an original of all these documents are enclosed.

A check for \$310.00 (for a small entity) is enclosed for the notice of appeal fee (\$155.00) and the brief in support of appeal fee (\$155.00). If there is a further deficiency please charge deposit account no. 20-0437.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter J. Tencza Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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